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SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF NASA TRACKING STATION

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1. APPRECIATE CHARGE'S EFFORTS. BELIEVE AIDE-MEMOIRE
REPRESENTS GOOD RECORD OF USG POLICY AND NEGOTIATION
HISTORY.

2; NASA'S PRIMARY CONCERN IS SECURITY OF ITS PERSONNEL
PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT REF A. GRATIFIED TO NOTE EMBASSY IS
TAKING NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS THIS REGARD. NASA WOULD LIKE
TO BEGIN WITHDRAWAL ALL DEPENDENTS IMMEDIATELY.

3. NASA HAS ALREADY BEGUN PREPARATIONS FOR STATION CLOSURE,
PHASE-OUT OF OPERATIONS FROM TANANARIVE AND RESCHEDULING
OF SUPPORT TO OTHER STATIONS. NASA REQUESTS STADIR DIS-

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CREETLY DISABLE OR DESTROY COMMAND TAPES AND BEGIN DIS-

MANTLING AND PACKING COMMAND ELECTRONICS IMMEDIATELY.
INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISPOSITION OF OTHER EQUIPMENT AND PROPERTY
WILL BE TRANSMITTED VIA NORMAL NASA CHANNELS.

4. NASA WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN THIS PHASE-
OUT OPERATION BOTH WITH REGARD TO ENSURING THE SAFETY OF

STATION PERSONNEL AND IN DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING
PROPERTY DISPOSAL PLANS.

5. NASA IS PREPARING LIST OF ITEMS THEY WISH TO SHIP. WE
HOPE GOMR WILL ALLOW THE EXPORT OF ITEMS WHICH CAN BE USED
ELSEWHERE IN THE NETWORK.

6. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE GOMR AGREEMENT TO ALLOW NASA USE
OF COMMUNICATIONS LINKS DURING THE PHASE-OUT OPERATIONS
AND BEYOND THE 15TH TO FACILITATE PROCESS OF CLOSURE AND
PROPERTY DISPOSAL. PLEASE ADVISE.

7. NASA PREPARED TO SEND GSFC/MCKEEHAN TO ASSIST STATION
AND EMBASSY IN CLOSE-OUT ARRANGEMENTS. REQUEST YOUR
COMMENTS. INGERSOLL

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